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MALAXA RECORD CITED

To the Editor of the New York Times:

In the New York Times of Oct. 13 appeared a comment on a statement made by Congressman E. Celler.

I do not know Mr. Celler, and furthermore, I consider that in my position of a political refugee I should not enter political struggles of a country which shelters me with so much generosity. However, I feel I must send you these lines because Mr. Celler made, with no knowledge of the facts, a grave accusation against one of my fellow countrymen, Nicolae Malaxa, who is presented by the former as being "apparently a Communist" and of having "very, very questionable relations with the Communists."

These accusations are just as unfounded as they are grave. I can state this with full knowledge of the facts, since I was Prime Minister and Minister of the Interior of Rumania during the critical period when the Russians and their Communist lackeys fought to win the political control of the country.

As already well known, my Government, the last democratic Government of Rumania, was forced to resign in 1945 following Vishinsky's ultimatum. Furthermore, I consider that my political record of uncompromising resistance against the Nazis as well as the Communists entitles me to know who, in my own country, has been pro-Nazi and or pro-Communist.

Mr. Malaxa left the country in 1946 and since that time has resided in the United States. He was never a Communist, nor affiliated to the Communists, either while in Rumania or abroad.

Gen. Nicolae Radescu

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